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PROCESSING MEAT  
Group : 3643  
Examiner : Richard Thomas Price, Jr.  
Docket : OHI 002 P2 DI

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 2, 2005, with the time for response being extended up to and including April 3, 2006, Applicant responds as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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